FISCAL NOTE

SB 1487 - HB 1844

March 10, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Makes technical changes to the election code related to withdrawal deadlines, qualifying deadlines, registration deadlines, the voter registration form, the duties of poll watchers, the location of polling places, residency requirements for poll workers, nominating petitions, voter qualifications and local election notice requirements. Specifies that it is a Class E felony to use or threaten to use force or violence in an election commission office or against an election official or bring a firearm into a county election commission office or polling place. Requires notice regarding firearm prohibition be posted.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$1,600/Incarceration*

Assumes one Class E felony conviction every three years.

*Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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